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WE DO NOT WISH TO ASK DJERMAKOYE FOR ASSISTANCE IN DAVIS CASE AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL DISCUSSION BENIN SITUATION, WHICH SEEMS INEVITABLE, YOU SHOULD INFORM HIM THAT WE HAVE PROTESTED STRONGLY TO GPRB THAT THEY HAVE HELD AN AMERICAN, WITH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY, SINCE SUNDAY WITHOUT CHARGE AND WITHOUT PERMITTING OUR CONSUL ACCESS UNTIL THURSDAY. JOHN DAVIS IS A ROVING COMMUNICATOR TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE REGULAR COMMUNICATOR. WE BELIEVE HE IS ENTITLED TO SAME PROTECTION AND IMMUNITIES AS OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICIAL AMERICANS. WE RECOGNIZE THE UNUSUAL AND TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE GPRB BUT BELIEVE THAT DAVIS HAS BEEN HELD TOO LONG AND SHOULD BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

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